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New funding initiative to tackle Power Court site

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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ALTERNATIVE funding to help kick start development at a disused industrial site is being sought, a councillor has said.

Cllr Sian Timoney, deputy leader of Luton council, said the authority was 'exploring' ways of securing funding to get development started at Power Court, which is in the town centre.

The 20-acre site, owned by British Land, has been labelled 'an eyesore' by some residents following years of it lying derelict.

Cllr Timoney said the cost of clearing the site would 'run into several millions' and that no development could take place until that work was done.

She said: "The problem of the site is that it is quite difficult to get things going because of the cost of the development.

"The developers are going to have to fork out several millions to clear it and then start working on it.

"We do have problems with the viability of several sites in Luton.

"People are really interested in Power Court because of its prime location but the remedial work is the issue.

"We are exploring other funding streams to try and solve the problem."

The council said most of the work centres around the re-location of an electricity sub-station as well as dealing with the River Lea which runs through the Power Court site.

In 2005 the site's previous owners Ballymore, an Irish property development firm, submitted proposals to build a 55,000 square feet retail development with 200 homes.

And last year, the current owners British Land were reported to be in discussions with the council over possible schemes at the site, which used to house a power station.

The council owns small buildings on the site which are still occupied on short term leases. The largest users left the site in 2010.

A spokesman said: "There are several significant costs associated with the redevelopment of Power Court which is, of course, the site of a former power station.

"One is the need to deal with or relocate a large electricity sub-station which is in a central location within the site.

"Another is the fact that the River Lea runs directly through the site, mainly in a culvert.

"The costs of dealing with these two issues depend on the approach to be taken which itself depends on the nature and layout of any proposed development, so it is not possible to put an accurate figure on the additional costs of redeveloping this particular site.

"However, these two issues together with demolition of buildings and any necessary decontamination of the land do amount to very significant 'abnormal' costs in relation to the redevelopment of this site.

He added: "We are asking SEMLEP (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership) as part of their Infrastructure Investment Plan to contribute towards the costs of de-culverting and restoring the River Lea as it runs through the site on the grounds this will help remove the constraints to redevelop what is seen as a strategically important employment site."

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Fine notices are taken down by supermarket

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A SUPERMARKET has removed signs warning customers they would be fined for using the car park without shopping at the store.

Aldi, in Church Street, Dunstable, has taken down the notices after stating they had been put up 'in error'.

Last week *Luton on Sunday* reported that when the store opened in 2007, it was supposed to offer free short-term car parking to both store customers and non-customers.

But signs appeared which said parking was only free for people using the store.

Customers were also told if they spent more than 40 minutes in-store they had to enter their registration vehicle number at a terminal inside the shop.

The sign removal came in the same week a resident who said he had been unfairly sent a parking fine notice was told by Aldi he would not have to pay it.

The man, who does not want to be named, said he had received a letter from ParkingEye with a £70 fine after shopping at the store on November 26.

He said he had shopped in the store for 'only 70 minutes' but had not entered his registration number into the terminal.

However, after calling Aldi the man said he was told he did not need to pay the fine provided he presented a receipt to prove he shopped in the store.

He said: "I shop there twice a week and I normally do it in 40 minutes but this time I did it in 70 minutes. All I am saying is that what happens when you don't have the receipt? Because most people will shop there and throw away the receipt. If I did not have the receipt I probably would have had to pay the fine."

An Aldi spokesperson said: "We employ a car park management system at our Dunstable store to ensure free parking is available for shoppers.

"This system is managed by Parking Eye, which follows an appeals process set out by Aldi.

"This appeals process is clearly outlined on the reverse of the charges issued. Where customers feel they have received a charge unfairly, we are happy to look into this on a case by case basis."

Aldi says it will deal with any customer complaint on a 'case by case basis'

Boxing champion supports High Town plans

A FORMER World Champion boxer has lent his support to proposals to build a new sports centre in High Town.

Billy Schwer has said he is 'officially backing' plans to create a sports development programme on a site in Midland Road.

The plans, by the Dallow Development Trust, have been recommended for refusal by officers at Luton council and are due to be heard soon at a planning committee meeting.

A council document stated the proposals had support from local business and sports providers, including Dallow Volleyball Club and Dallow Amateur Boxing Club.

However, concerns were raised that centre would be a duplication of services already available in High Town and surrounding areas.

Mr Schwer, an ex-light welterweight world champion, said the centre would be used by 'all local residents'.

He said: "Coming from Luton I can see a real benefit to the area for a sporting facility as large as this.

"It is being offered by private investors so there is nothing coming from local pockets to pay for the premises or their upkeep which is brilliant.

"It is a facility which will be there for use by all local residents and also the rest of the town with visitors being expected to come from out of town for team competitions and to enjoy the facilities."

Mr Schwer also said he planned to be 'fully involved and active' in the operation.

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WENLOK JUG BACK ON DISPLAY

A RARE medieval jug is due to be put back on display following its theft and recovery last year.

The 14th century Wenlok Jug was stolen from a high security display cabinet in the Stockwood Discovery Centre in May, leaving the town in shock.

An extensive Bedfordshire Police investigation led to the artefact being recovered four months later in Surrey.

A ceremony to welcome the jug back to its rightful home in the Discovery Centre will be held on Thursday, December 12.

CADDINGTON BY-ELECTION RESULT

IT has been revealed that the winner of the by-election in Caddington ward is conservative candidate Kevin Collins with 738 votes.

Independent candidate Christine Smith came second with 560 votes, while UK Independence Party candidate Steven Wildman came third with 334 votes.

The turnout was 23.9 per cent out of a total electorate of 7,817. The by-election followed the resignation of Councillor Ruth Gammons from the seat on Central Bedfordshire Council.

FLAG FLOWN TO HONOUR MANDELA

THE University of Bedfordshire is flying the flag of South Africa in honour of Nelson Mandela who died on Thursday.

Mr Mandela, an anti-apartheid campaigner who spent 27 years in prison, died in Johannesburg, at 8:50pm local time.

The university said it would be flying the flag at its main campus sites, including Luton, as a 'mark of celebration' for his life.

Vice-chancellor Bill Rammell said: "Nelson Mandela was the world's leading light for the values of respect, social justice and equality of opportunity."

CROSSING SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

LUTON'S school crossing patrols has celebrated its diamond anniversary of the service.

The milestone was marked by a special service held on Thursday.

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Skydiver Lance raises £9,000 for Parys fund

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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THE best friend of Parys Okai has successfully completed a skydive in his memory – and raised more than £9,000 in the process.

Lance Gentle-King decided to take the plunge after the sudden death of the 28-year-old former Luton Town footballer in October.

Described by many as someone who 'lived for the moment', Lance said he knew he had to do something special to honour Parys and arranged the skydive during his travels in Australia.

Pledges to sponsor the brave feat poured in from around the world, and the initial fundraising target of £1,000 was smashed within half an hour of an online donation site going live.

Once back on safe ground, Lance said: "It is by far the best thing I have ever done – and to have done it in memory my best friend made it that much more satisfying.

"The money that has been raised is phenomenal! £9,000 later and I still can't believe how kind people have been."

The funds raised will go towards a headstone for Parys.

PHENOMENAL: Lance Gentle-King celebrates after successfully completing a skydive in honour of Parys Okai

Police hunt for 'hit and run' driver

A YOUNG motorcyclist has been left with 'terrible life-changing injuries' after a hit and run incident in Houghton Regis.

The 23-year-old moped rider was travelling along Parkside Drive at around 5.30pm on Monday, when he was in collision with a black VW Golf.

The offending vehicle failed to stop and left the scene, but was found by police in Gilpin Close, Houghton Regis a short time later.

Enquiries are now underway to establish who was driving it.

The victim sustained serious injuries to his legs and has already undergone lengthy surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

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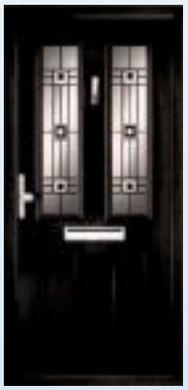

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HONOURED: A makeshift shrine has been placed outside Luton police station in memory of Leon Briggs

'We will fight for justice for Leon'

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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HUNDREDS turned out to attend an emotional community-led vigil to mark the one month anniversary of the death of Leon Briggs.

The 39-year-old father of two, died in Luton police custody after he was detained in Marsh Road.

An inquiry into the death is being carried out by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) but campaigners have set up community group Justice4Leon to ensure that they receive answers.

Some have already expressed their frustrations at the length of time the investigations are taking, which mean the family are prevented from holding Leon's funeral, and have committed to holding monthly vigils to ensure their message isn't forgotten.

On Wednesday evening, the 300-strong crowd outside Luton police station, gathered around a makeshift shrine to hear from friends, and campaigners for other men who have died in police custody.

TRIBUTE: Leon Briggs

Speaking on the steps of the police station, Cyril Mitchell, Leon's best friend, said: "Each one of you here today go and bring another 10 people to stand by your side so we can get change. You can help by giving your voice."

Just this week the Commissioner of the IPCC Mary Cunneen asked for 'people to be patient' while the 'complex inquiry' took place, adding: "Our focus remains on establishing what happened to Leon and to providing answers to his family, friends and the community."

At present five police officers and two members of civilian staff have been interviewed by IPCC investigators on suspicion of offences including gross negligence and/or unlawful act manslaughter and misconduct.

The IPCC also confirmed that more than 60 witnesses have been identified and CCTV has been seized from a number of local shops and authority cameras, while the police van and cell at Luton police station have been forensically examined.

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Spend pennies to buy public toilets

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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A FORMER public toilet block in High Town has gone up for sale.

The facility in High Town Road in Luton has been put up for sale by the local authority, and has been branded as having 'development potential' and 'being close to local amenities.'

The loos, which have been shut for two years, would suit someone who is flush with their money as the long leasehold has been priced at a minimum at £60,000.

The smart looking lavatories have been publicised by commercial specialists Seren Property, who describe the building as 'a rare addition to the market'.

There has already been a great deal of interest in the public toilet block, with a potential letting currently being discussed.

A spokesman for Luton Borough Council said: "This is a small structure with a pitched, tiled roof and brick elevations which was closed as a public toilet around two years ago.

"We have been marketing it 'For Sale' or 'To Let' and we have agreed a letting which is now in solicitors' hands.

"As the deal is not yet done it is premature for us to give any further details at this stage."

Keep an eye on elderly as winter weather arrives

WITH a colder spell of winter said to be on its way, Luton council is again urging residents to look out for the elderly and vulnerable.

A drop in temperatures can cause slippery pavements and often means people are less active through fear of falling, which may result in them becoming cold and sick.

Cllr Mahmood Hussain said: "It might just be taking half an hour to call in and make sure neighbours and friends are okay and have enough food and medicine, or to clear a path for when they do want to venture out."

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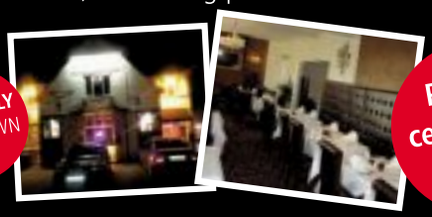

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Pets at Home store is opened

SOME very special guests attended the launch of the new Luton Pets at Home store on Friday.

Pupils from Surrey Street Primary School and Mayor Sheila Roden were the first to meet the store's small animals, fish and reptiles.

The new store, in Gipsy Lane Retail Park, is home to an Adoption Centre, where small animals are cared for until a new loving home can be found, along with a pet village, an aquatics centre and Groom Room.

Shock as Strathmore Hotel is closed down

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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THE Strathmore Hotel in Luton was closed by administrators this week with just three days notice.

The closure came as the Menzies Hotel group, who ran the hotel, was sold to Topland Group.

Although this move secured the future of 12 sites throughout the country, administrator KPMG announced on Friday that the leasehold properties in Luton, Swindon and Gatwick were 'unattractive to potential buyers'.

The doors of the hotel shut for the final time on Monday morning, leaving many employees without jobs.

The shock closure also stunned partygoers, including nurses from Keech Hospice Care and Luton and Dunstable Hospital, who had booked the venue and paid large deposits ahead of their Christmas festivities.

A spokeswoman from KPMG said: "Staff at Luton Strathmore were retained over the weekend to help ensure that functions, including a wedding, went ahead.

"We are extremely grateful for their cooperation.

"An orderly shut down of the hotel began on Monday, with staff redundancies taking effect from then.

"Since our appointment on Friday, the administrators have been in contact with all parties who have bookings at the hotel with a view to refunding their deposits and assisting them in finding alternative arrangements."

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yourletters

We need social housing not 'bedroom tax'

SIR – I'd like to respond to Mrs M R Simmons (LoS 1/12/13) flawed logic and facts in regards to the under occupancy charge.

We will only sort out the housing issues when we start building more social housing.

Only the government and wealthy don't want us to do that as it devalues the property market. The government know who we are, where we live, what benefits we receive and that there is nowhere for 96 per cent of those affected to downsize to.

The bedroom tax is a welfare cut pure and simple. Discretionary housing payments are temporary and in place to deflect the blame onto local authority decision makers.

A Freedom of Information request revealed there were fewer than 14 one bedroom properties available for letting, while we have 1,100 (some of whom do not have spare rooms as they have children and partners sleeping in them), needing to downsize, and have 700 in bed and breakfast in Luton, and 8,000 on the housing waiting list.

The introduction of a penalty charge will do nothing to alleviate this.

The home swap list for one bedroom properties reveal few able to swap up to a two bedroom and when they do, they want a different area.

Moving from social into the private renting sector, when the rare affordable property appears, will still cost the taxpayer a lot more, however there is very little availability regardless.

For a social tenant to be put on an equal footing with a private renter, they would both have to receive housing allowance.

Housing allowance in the private sector is £109.62 for a one bedroom property (while the rent in social may be £80), £135.61 for a two bedroom property, £161.54 for a three bedroom property and £200.47 for a four bedroom property.

Previously if a private tenant managed to find a property below the LHA rate they were allowed to pocket the difference.

Whilst social rents cost far less, the housing benefit for them is the same as the rent.

If they received the same amount in housing allowance, they would have to pay them £20-£30 per week more which in the case of one bedroom properties could not be reduced as there could be no possible under occupancy charge.

They would also need to provide them with a better standard of housing, appliances, and flooring, for total fairness.

The only way to achieve fairness would be to have a massive social housing building program, so that those who wanted to downsize would be able to and there was social housing available for all.

Ann Robb,
Via Facebook

CONTROVERSIAL: The so-called 'bedroom tax' has affected 1,100 homes in Luton

'Bedroom tax' is hated

SIR - MRS Simons missed several important points in her support of the government's so called Spare Room Subsidy (LoS, 1/12/13).

While door-knocking for the Labour Party I have recently met three people in social housing who are desperate to downsize to avoid the bedroom tax; but they are unable to do so because there is a desperate shortage of suitable accommodation.

Councils of all political parties have not built small units for many years, concentrating mainly on family houses. However I'm now informed that Luton Borough Council's Housing Department is currently seeking planning permission to build up to 80 one and two bedroom flats on the Drill Hall site in Old Bedford Road.

Mrs Simons may not be aware that a coalition of 23 charities has written to the Prime Minister accusing him of offering "false hope" and misleading the public by claiming that the disabled are exempt from the so-called 'bedroom tax'. Penalised are those who use a spare room for wheelchairs, lifts or dialysis machines.

The out of touch ConDem government appears not to have thought through the practicalities of this hated tax. They don't seem to realise that, if tenants are evicted for nonpayment of rents, they have to be rehoused in the private sector where rents are more expensive meaning that housing benefits are even higher.

Nick Murray
Mullion Close, Luton

Firework cut was right

SIR – JOHN Tucker complained yet again in last week's *Luton on Sunday* about the cancellation of the annual firework display but, had it gone ahead, I bet he would have berated our cash-strapped council for sending £30,000 up in smoke in an hour.

I'm sure that most Lutonians would agree that since the ConDem government imposed crippling funding cuts on our council, the firework money would be far better spent on something more lasting such as saving the jobs of two care workers for another year.

Paul Castleman,
Osborne Road, Luton

Luton needs a theatre

SIR - ONE of the saddest stories in last week's *Luton on Sunday* was that the Lighting Up Luton event would be attended by panto star Leslie Grantham. Why sad?

Because he is not appearing in panto in Luton, but in Dunstable, because Luton still doesn't have a proper theatre. The Library and other small venues do their best, but they can't compete with other comparable towns all around us.

As well as Dunstable, there are theatres big enough to attract West End touring shows in Milton Keynes, Stevenage, Aylesbury and Northampton.

A Luton theatre has been talked about long before we moved to Luton 45 years ago, but that's all it's been – just talk.

An obvious location is the eyesore of the forlorn ABC cinema site on George Street. Even better, perhaps, would be between the Mall and the busway – there have been many development plans but no progress - a theatre could revitalise the whole area and bring in other businesses.

If Aylesbury can do it with their Waterside Theatre, surely there is a large enough potential audience in and around Luton.

Mike Broadbent,
Icknield Way, Luton.

Where are you?

SIR – I WONDER how many readers have noticed that on the back and sides of some of the buses that venture along our so-called wonderful new long and winding road, 'I'm on the Busway' is displayed in large and bold white lettering.

However, with regard to passengers who possess mobile phones, such a statement will also no doubt prove an instant reminder of where they are, when it comes to making all those vitally important, yet often pointless communications.

Sue Goddard,
Toddington Road, Luton

Don't struggle alone

SIR – FOR many children part of the fun of Christmas is the change in routine at school and at home as exciting activities and events take place.

However, for some children with a disability, changes to their usual timetable at this time of year can be extremely stressful.

For others, Christmas can also mean missing out on all the festive fun as they find themselves excluded from school celebrations. Parents have told Contact a Family about their disabled child not being allowed to attend outings or parties for example.

Christmas can sometimes bring unexpected challenges if you have a disabled child and Contact a Family is the only UK charity that supports families with disabled children whatever their disability or medical condition. Our expert advisors can help you develop strategies to help you cope.

So please call our helpline on 0808 808 3555 to get the support and advice you need from our team of experts or visit the website cafamily.org.uk for more.

Jill Davies,
Contact A Family

Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

Call for busway signs

@SONIC_SINCLAIR – Yes I know someone who got stuck there. She does not know the area well, she just followed her sat-nav which directed her... Yes more signs and better lighting are needed.

Andrea Stobbart - I think leaving it as a rail line would of helped.

Welfare cuts debate

@YaqubHanif – Those angry at the #bedroomtax news story in @LutonOnSunday dont realise the misery it's caused.

@Margaret_Simons - Thanks to @lutonOnSunday for printing my letter #spareroomsubsidy. Hope it takes some heat out of arguments.

Theft arrest made

@thegi6er: shame they cannot crack the gun, knife and street robbery, even burglaries as we no longer feel safe in our homes or on our streets.

Imagination library

@masekwm: It's a great service and such a shame it was already cut so no new kids have benefitted, our daughter got lots of good books.

Strathmore closed

Mike J Burrett That's awful!

@sjluton: Terrible news for employees.

Hatters flare warning

@Robkov1 – Anyone with flares should be kicked out.. same goes for anyone wearing anoraks, tank-tops or shell suits!

Our most read online

- Shock as Strathmore Hotel in Luton is closed suddenly by administrators

-Aldi promises that parking warning signs put up by ParkingEye at Dunstable store will go

- Peaceful vigil held in tribute to Leon Briggs, a month after his death in police custody

- Motorcyclist left with 'life-changing injuries' after hit and run in Houghton Regis

- Former Barnfield Federation head Sir Peter Birkett steps down from GEMS Education UK & Europe

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What we need is a bit of proper competition

SUDDENLY both government and opposition are falling over themselves to see who can do most to interfere with the markets. Intervention is everything and free markets can go hang. Adam Smith, not to mention Margaret Thatcher, will be turning in their graves.

It should come as no surprise that Brits say power and water bills are their greatest cost of living burden, and biggest worry in terms of how to pay.

Electricity and gas bills have rocketed way beyond inflation and can, between them cost more than £2,000 per year. Ours certainly does. Water bills are another big part of the annual grind.

They make up a significant percentage of a household's annual fiscal burden.

It is not just the cost but the concern that these companies are not working properly as markets that is worrying people.

They have started to look more like cartels than free market competitors.

Adam Smith did talk about capitalism only working properly in a completely free, unfettered market.

It was Marx – am I allowed to mention him? – who pointed out that such free markets eventually become a myth, as the bigger, more successful companies swallow the smaller ones, and we end up with either monopolies or cartels.

Sounds familiar. This is one reason why these life-necessary utilities were once in public ownership.

It was then thought, across the political divide, that while it was up to a free market on where people bought their baked beans or pint, it was too important, and too difficult, to make such requirements as power and water part of a free market.

Even logistically it becomes impossible. How do I buy Cumberland Water?

So Conservative government and Labour opposition are weighing in to these companies demanding different kinds of remedies and making different kinds of threats.

Cost of living has become an election issue, so it's not just the economy, stupid.

Energy and water companies are responding, which should make us ask why they could not have done this before the threats were made. It also makes us ask about regulators, who do not appear to be regulating much. And, of course the government is going to help the energy companies, by taking some of the green 'taxes' off their back.

Large corporations don't need to bother themselves about the future of the planet.

It looks like these charges will be reined in a bit, and the question will then be who takes the credit, which will no doubt be everyone.

As Machiavelli used to say take the credit yourself for something good and make sure someone else gets the blame for anything bad, which by the way Labour is blamed for everything that goes wrong, the Tories must have read. The other issue is to ensure we have enough supply into the future, which is far from certain.

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Deaths

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MORE than £8,000 has been collected by fundraisers at a pub in Luton.

Adrian Robb who runs Bar 32 on Cumberland Street, successfully rode through all 32 counties in Ireland in 32 hours on a motorcycle to help collect cash for Zoe Davies, who needs 24-hour care.

Accompanying him on the trip was staff member Marie Forde, who helped raise funds for Lilly McGlashan who was diagnosed with a rare form of neuroblastoma cancer.

Adrian and Marie's challenge raised a total of £6,000 alone, and cheques for £3,000 were each presented to the families of Zoe and Lilly last week. Around half of the money was raised in Ireland, thanks to The Village Inn in Dunloy and the An Spailpin Fanach pub in Cork who welcomed the pair at the end of their journey.

ROAD TRIP: Adrian Robb and Marie Forde who raised £6,000

Staff also raised money for their own nominated charities with a fun-day supported by businesses including Bookers Wholesalers, O'Sullivans Florist, Haversham Hairdressers, Butterfly Beauty, and James' Barber Shop.

Women's Aid in Luton, Luton Foodbank and Keech Hospice Care each received a slice of the £2,000 raised.

Luton and Dunstable Hospital launches mobile app

KEEPING up to date with modern technology, Luton and Dunstable University Hospital has this week created a mobile-friendly version of its website.

Every month over 38,000 people access the hospital's website and half of them are using mobile phones, iPads or tablets.

The app enables people on the move to check out information including visiting times or how to apply for jobs, as well as allowing patients to change or cancel an upcoming appointment.

The L&D's Head of Communications, Barry Mayes, said: "We wanted to meet the needs and expectations of our patients and local GPs." For more go to www.ldh.nhs.uk.

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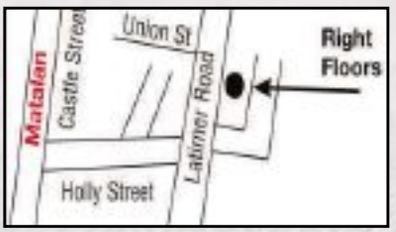

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From Lewsey Farm to TV star

Local actor Aaron Fontaine has hit the big time after being cast in hit soap Hollyoaks. LAUREN ARCHELL finds out more. . .

A FAMILIAR face will be appearing on television screens in the new year, after top local talent Aaron Fontaine joined the cast of popular soap Hollyoaks.

The 25-year-old, who grew up in Lewsey Farm, will reprise the role of Sonny Valentine, who was previously played by actor Devon Anderson between 2006 and 2007 in the Chester-based programme.

This will be the first television role for Aaron, who has previous experience in theatre productions including comedian Angie Le Mar's Do You Know Where Your Daughter Is?

Speaking this week, Aaron said: "I can't describe how it feels to know I'm going to be appearing in Hollyoaks. From the moment my agent put me forward for the role, I worked hard on creating the character.

"After I had read for the role I had a tense wait, and to be honest I had given up hope, but finally I received the call I had been hoping for and I found out the part was mine."

The role of Sonny is a complex one - his last stint in Hollyoaks saw him shoplifting and taking drugs, but Aaron relishes the challenge of the part.

"I can't say too much about my storylines, but Sonny is a man on a mission," he said.

"He has a good heart and wants to save everyone, but if that means he has to turn a blind eye to some bad things to reach the end goal, he will do."

The first scenes featuring Aaron are set to be on our screens on Thursday,

FACT FILE

- Aaron grew up in Lewsey Farm in Luton and attended Barnfield West (formerly Halyard High School)
- Despite leaving school with only two GCSEs Aaron went on to study media at a univesity in London
- Some may recognise Aaron from his stint presenting with comedian Richard Blackwood on London-based radio station Choice FM in 2010
- Aaron is friends with Devon Anderson who previously played Sonny Valentine in the soap. Devon has publicly backed Aaron as the right person to bring back the role.

INSPIRATIONAL: Actor Aaron Fontaine wants to become a role model for children in his home town

January 2. Despite hitting the big time, the actor remains modest and is keen not to forget his roots.

"There has been a lot of bad things happen in Luton - murders, guns and knives - and I know people that have been affected by that.

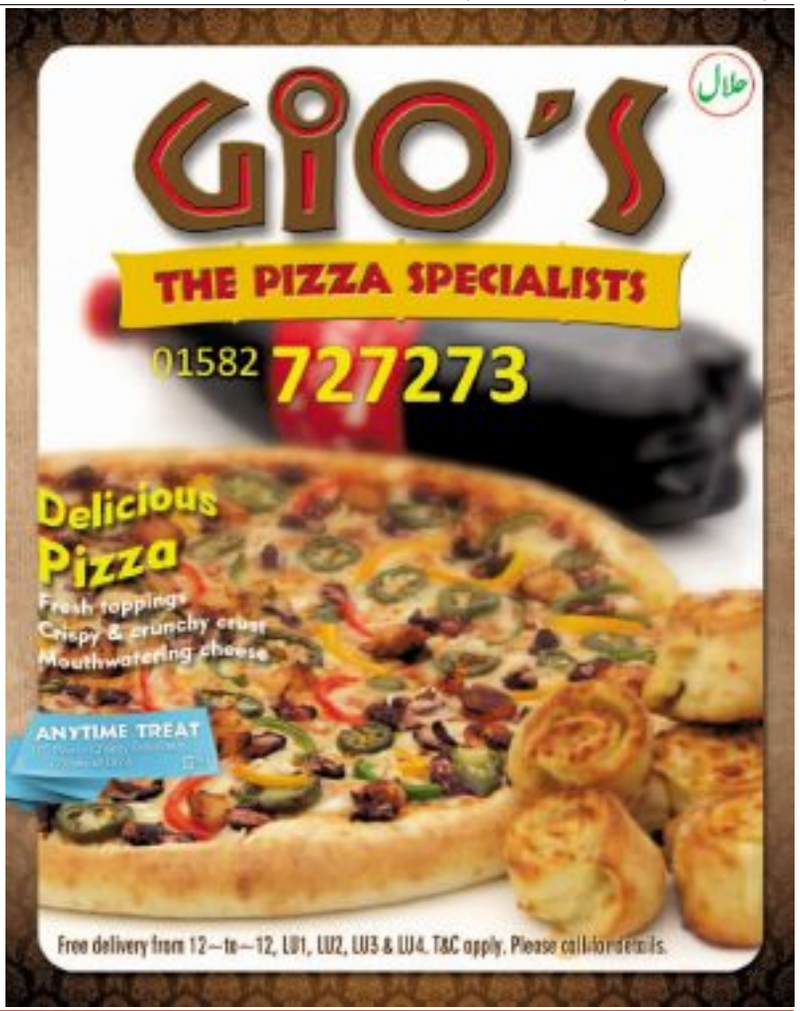
"It would have been quite easy to have got caught up in the hustle and bustle of it all and my life could have gone in a different direction.

"But I hope that I can show that people can follow their dreams and they can get to where they want to be.

"I know there is an awful lot of talented people in Luton just waiting to be discovered, and all they need is an opportunity. Hopefully I can become a role model for young children and show them that their ambitions can come true.

"I may be based up north now, but I'll try to get back as much as possible.

"I won't be forgetting Luton!"



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Do you recognise Co-op meat thief?

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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CCTV images have been released of a woman connected with multiple thefts from a shop in Dunstable.

The pictures show the woman enter the Co-op store in Westfield Road on Friday, September 27 at 7.15pm with a distinctive pink bag.

She put a selection of meat products into the bag and then left without making any attempt to pay.

The woman returned to the shop on Sunday October, 13 at 9.15pm. Again she filled her tote bag with meats and items from the health and beauty section of the shop.

Anyone who recognises this woman, or has information about these thefts should contact Bedfordshire Police's Crime Service Team on the non-emergency number 101, quoting crime reference JD/36667/2013 or JD/34868/2013.

Police have also released CCTV images of a man that they would like to identify following the theft of fuel worth £121.56 from the Shell Filling Station, Eaton Green Road, Luton, and three men who stole a trolley full of alcohol and groceries from the Sainsbury's superstore in Luton Road, Dunstable without paying.

- To see these pictures visit www.luton-dunstable.co.uk.

Man slashed with blade during attack in underpass

A MAN was stabbed a number of times in his arm and shoulder after being involved in an argument in an underpass.

The 34-year-old was walking through the tunnel between Kestrel Way and Butely Road in Luton at around midday on Wednesday, November 27, when he became involved in an altercation with two, possibly three men.

One of the group assaulted the man with a knife, leaving him with multiple injuries which required hospital treatment.

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Staff were also given bespoke chocolate bars and a commemorative postcard of the birthday car.

Rogue traders in £19k house con

BY LUAREN ARCHELL
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A HOUSEHOLDER in Luton was scammed out of £19,000 by bogus officials who turned up on his doorstep.

The victim paid around £4,500 cash to a rogue trader who failed to carry out the building work he was contracted for.

The resident then received a visit from another conman claiming to be a Trading Standards officer who took an additional £14,500 in cash over several days to allegedly 'sort out the rogue trader', before disappearing with yet more cash.

Although the incident took place in July, the victim has only just come forward.

Trading Standards officers are now carrying out enquiries but said it seems the men's contact details are false.

As a result Luton council are reminding residents to ask for the ID of anyone claiming to be a council official.

Councillor Mohammed Ashraf said: "This case highlights our concerns about doorstep traders targeting Luton. We have no doubt these two incidents are linked, and the victim has been deprived of a very large sum of money with no realistic prospect of recovering it."

"If anybody claiming to be a council officer appears on your doorstep, please ask to see their ID and then call the authority on 01582 546000 to check if they are genuine.

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This week CARL MUNGAZI visited the new crime scene lab set up by the University of Bedfordshire. What did he find there?

AS I donned my forensic white suit the witness statements were handed to me.

Some jewellery had been stolen during a party the night before and it was my job to find out who did it.

So out came my detective toolkit and I began my search in the living room.

Using my magnifying glass, I quickly spotted a lipstick imprint on one of the drinking glasses. I also discovered a phone on one of the sofas so I dusted it for fingerprints and skin fragments.

My search then took me to the bedroom where the crime is supposed to have taken place.

Clothes were draped all over the dressing table in which the jewellery had been. I could see this had been a rushed job.

I noticed a handprint on the mirror and out came my fingerprint brush again.

Another scan of the room showed nothing of interested remained so I moved on to the dining room.

There I examined some beer bottles along with two lighters.

But it was a set of keys with the initials 'E' lying on the table that held the last clue.

Another look at the witness statement confirmed my suspicions. I passed on my findings to the 'lead detective' Dr Louisa Vincini (*pictured left*), a Forensic Science lecturer at the university. Don't call me Sherlock just yet though!

The lab was unveiled on Monday and is based on Cumberland Street. It is a flat which has been turned into a three-room crime scene area able to host a range of mock offences.

Dr Vincini said it was built to create a 'more hands on learning' experience for the students.

She said: "It means they experience things in the moment and what is the process of gathering evidence rather than them being told what they would do.

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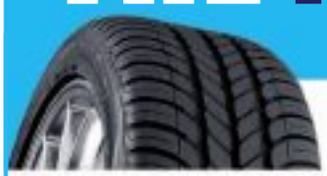

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Missing pet parrot spotted in garden

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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THE owner of a parrot which went missing last month is asking for a man who called her with information on its whereabouts to get in touch again.

The African Grey, named Cheeko, flew away from home in Argyll Avenue, Luton, on November 17.

Since then owner, Lobia Begum, has sent out more than 6,000 leaflets and contacted residents in the area in her efforts to find him.

She claims he has been spotted in Montrose Avenue and more recently, Biscot Road.

Ms Begum said: "Last Sunday night at around 8pm I had a call on a private number and it was a gentleman who said he had seen Cheeko in his garden everyday.

"But I couldn't get more information from him because his accent was really strong and he didn't leave any information.

"So I want to ask him to get in touch again. I have been getting a lot of prank calls but this guy seemed like a serious caller.

"I have also been getting a lot of support from pet owners who are telling me I should keep looking for Cheeko because I will find him."

Anyone with information about Cheeko's whereabouts can contact Ms Begum on 07939 321070.

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Toy shop opens in time for Christmas

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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LITTLE children (and some big kids too) are sure to enjoy shopping at new toy store The Entertainer, which opened its doors in The Mall Luton at the weekend.

Students from Barnfield Studio School helped to launch the new shop by creating a feasibility project as part of their class work and presented their final report to The Entertainer's managing director, Gary Grant.

The toy store still works with the school and supports the students with real life business experience to bring their learning to life.

The 2,704sq ft shop has brought nine jobs to the town and will provide further choice for families shopping at the popular centre.

Mr Grant said: "We look forward to bringing joy to the children of Luton and we wish all residents a very happy Christmas."

READY FOR BUSINESS: The Entertainer has been opened in The Mall Luton following an increased demand from customers for a toy store

Bid to expand school's special needs facilities

A PUBLIC consultation on proposals to expand Woodlands Secondary School has been launched.

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The proposals were on display yesterday and can also be seen at the school on Thursday from 3pm to 7pm. The consultation will remain open until next month.

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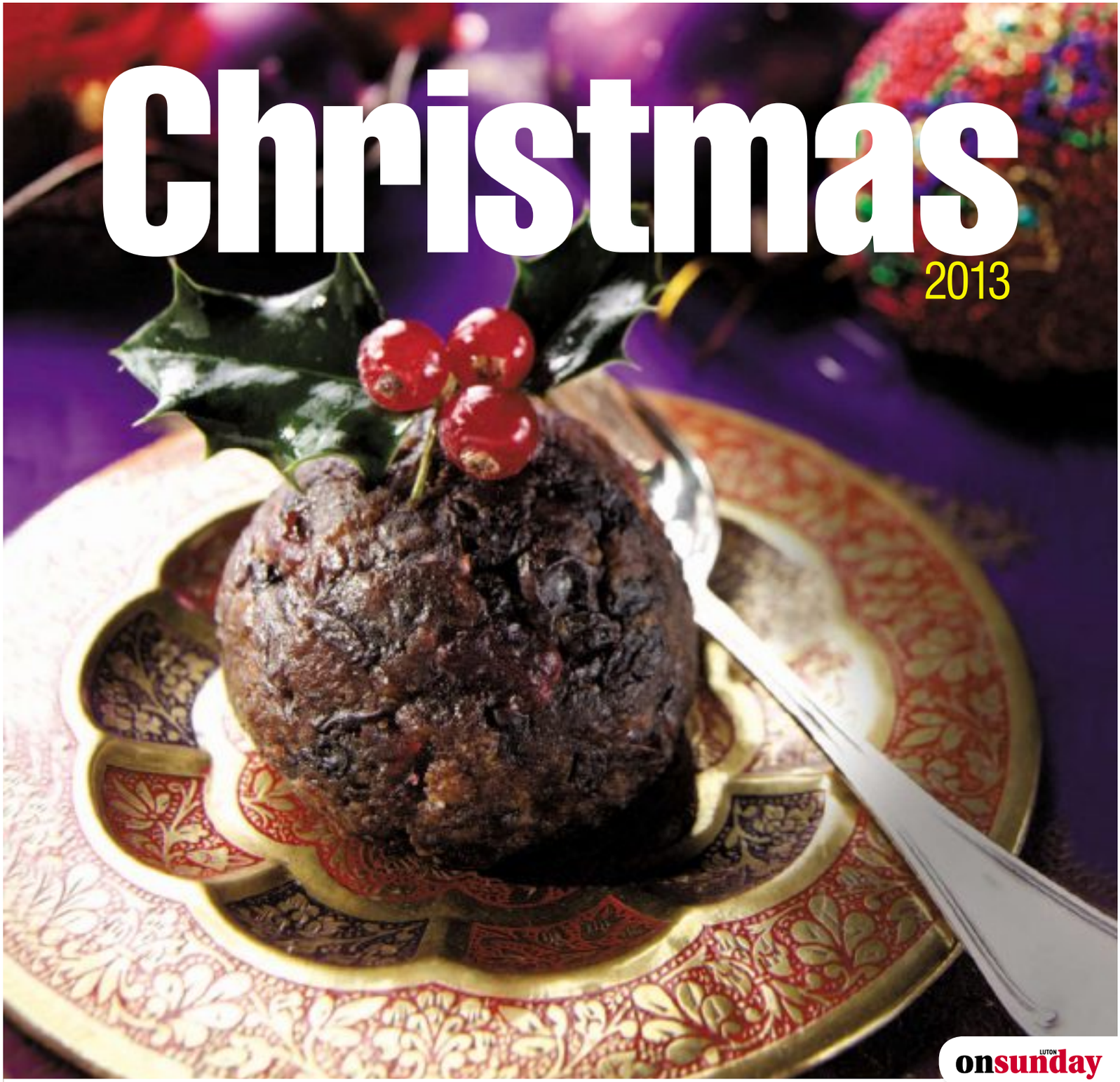

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it's panto time

A guide to local pantomimes gracing our stages this festive season!

Beauty and the Beast - Luton Library Theatre

Saturday, December 14 - Tuesday, December 24

NOT so much a panto, more a spellbinding Christmas show for all the family! Full House Theatre presents a thrilling tale of adventure, the high seas and a spell that must be broken by true love's kiss.

One dark night as a bitter wind moans around the Cornish cliff tops, two girls - Beauty and her sister Iris - eagerly await the homecoming of their father.

Meanwhile, a quartet of troublesome smugglers are on a quest to find their greatest hoard of treasure yet, at Beast's Rock. But, drawn to the camp fire it's not long before they get down to what they are really good at, telling stories!

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www.lutonculture.com/luton-library-theatre

Dick Whittington - The Grove, Dunstable

Friday 13 December 2013 – Sunday 5 January 2014

GET ready to boo and hiss for all you're worth! Leslie Grantham, Eastenders' Dirty Den, the greatest, biggest dirtiest rat of all time, is starring in this year's panto at The Grove as... you guessed it, Dirty Rat!

Not content with being a home body, young Dick Whittington (Ben Irish) sets out to find fame, fortune and a little of the gold that he's heard paves the streets of London town. But he needs your help to cheer him on his way. Idle Jack (Ryan Moloney aka 'Toadfish' from Neighbours) isn't much use so let's just hope there's a map-reading cat to lend a paw. West End star Leon Craig is panto dame, Sarah the Cook, and Lucy Reed is Alice Fitzwarren.

01582 602080
www.grovetheatre.co.uk

Cinderella - Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage

Saturday, November 30 - Sunday, January 26

CAN you believe it? Another overworked, underpaid lass is being cruelly treated and prevented from going to the ball in Hertfordshire! Is it the same ball, I wonder? Anyway, in Stevenage, when her fairy godmother (EastEnders' Gillian Wright) magically appears in the nick of time to sprinkle her own brand of stardust around, you just know it's all going to turn out alright.

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Cinderella - Alban Arena

Friday, December 6 - Sunday, January 5

YOU shall go to the ball - if you slip into a gorgeous pair of glass slippers, the Shetland ponies and trot on down to the Alban Arena. A brace of ugly stepsisters is rotten to a sweet-natured skivvy called Cinderella. Not only do they make her work from dawn to dusk but they try and stop her from having a rare night out!

Fortunately, Pop Idol finalist, successful actor and heart-throb, Gareth Gates, is the handsome prince and he doesn't give up the quest to find his true love easily.

Local funny man Bob Golding is Buttons, CBeebies presenter Andy Day is Dandini, and the lovely Jemma Carlisle is Cinderella in this year's Alban Arena spectacular panto.

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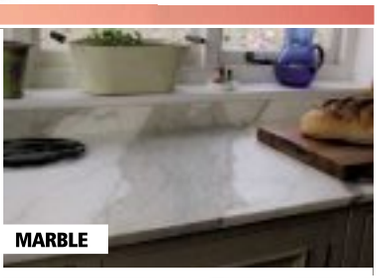
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Add some sparkle

CELEBRATING A SPARKLING CHRISTMAS

There's nothing that puts quite so much sparkle into the festive season as a chilled glass of fizz. The lively bubbles, crisp, zingy flavours and celebratory 'pop' of the cork make sparkling wine an essential part of Christmas but how do you go about choosing the right one? Bottles of bubbly vary so much in style, quality and cost.

The more fruity New World sparklers make finer apéritifs and have the richness to stand up to starters and canapés. And don't forget a sweet, frothy sparkler for matching with cakes and puddings. Then, of course, for special toasts there's champagne – sometimes disappointing for the price but, when it's good, without equal.

Champagne can only be made in a specified region of north-east France, and almost always from the three grapes Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier. The bubbles come from a second small alcoholic fermentation carried out inside the actual bottle. The CO2 formed can't escape and thus dissolves into the wine - so when the bottle is opened, the wine sparkles. Most Champagne is almost dry, and best served after an hour in the fridge.

Cava, from Spain, is made in the same way as Champagne, usually from three Catalan grapes: Macabeo, Xarel-lo and Parellada.

These days, some of the large Cava producers have started to use Chardonnay and Pinot Noir as well. Prosecco is from the Veneto region of north-east Italy and is made from the Glera grape. For Prosecco, the second fizz-creating fermentation is usually done in large pressurised tanks, not inside the bottle. Almost all Prosecco is a little sweeter than Champagne and Cava.

Some of the top Proseccos come from the small towns of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, and will cost a little more, but generally Prosecco is similarly priced to Cava - and cheaper than champagne. Sales of Prosecco are up 39% over the past six months, while sales of its French rival remain flat. But then at an average of just under £10 a bottle, it is less than half the cost of a good champagne

Sparkling wines from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, England and other countries are also made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir (and sometimes other grapes), with the second fermentation in the bottle. These too can be very good, and often great value.

And on the subject of wines from other countries, Rosé is no longer just a drink for when the sun shines. It makes for an excellent pre-dinner drinks wine, as well as a rather festive-looking partner to some delicately-flavoured starters.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Celebrate with a cupcake

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

...so what could be nicer than these fun and attractive treats? They're the perfect addition to any festive get together!

Reindeer Cup Cakes

Ingredients
125g/4½oz butter, softened
175g/6oz caster sugar
2 free-range eggs
200g/7oz self raising flour
2 tbsp cocoa powder
100ml/3½fl oz milk
100g/3½oz dark 70% cocoa solids chocolate, melted
2 tbsp Irish cream liqueur (optional)

For the chocolate icing
50g dark chocolate, chopped
3 tbsp double cream

To decorate
giant chocolate buttons
crisp-coated chocolates (such as Smarties or M&Ms)
mini pretzels
black writing icing
mini marshmallows, sliced

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3. Line a 12-hole muffin tray with paper cases.

2. Cream the butter and sugar together until fluffy and light. Beat in the eggs gradually before sifting in the flour and cocoa powder. Mix everything together until combined. Next, fold in the milk, melted chocolate and Irish cream liqueur, if using.

3. Carefully spoon the batter into the muffin cases. Bake for 20-25 minutes, by which time the cakes should be risen and lightly firm to the touch. Remove the cakes from the tin and set to one side to cool on a wire rack.

4. Next, make the icing. Heat the chocolate and cream in a saucepan over a low heat until melted. Whisk the mixture until smooth and put aside to cool slightly.

5. Decorate the cupcakes by spreading the icing over the cakes. Spoon the remaining frosting into an icing bag fitted with a small nozzle.

6. Press a chocolate button onto the cake as a nose, and fix a Smartie on top using a little icing. Two slices of marshmallows form the eyes, and with black writing icing dots added for the pupils. Stick on the pretzels as the antlers to finish.

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festive table

All that glisters… looks very festive!

We know what you're thinking: when it comes to decorating your table for Christmas, there is no better centre piece than a golden, roasted turkey. And trays of duck fat potatoes. And your speciality stuffing. And possibly even a Brussels sprout or two. Yes, the plates of festive fare might well be the focal point for your hungry family when they sit down for lunch, but such a special meal calls for a couple of tassels alongside your trimmings.

All that glitters is, indeed, gold, making it a fantastic choice as a theme for your seasonal spread. But your table needn't look like it has been grappled by Midas himself. You can incorporate the colour in subtle details for an effect that is more bling than brash.

Napkins, for example, offer the perfect opportunity to indulge in a little lustre. Experiment with layering different fabrics, and fan them inside an embellished ring. Add a personal touch, and have a go at making your own ties. Try threading gold beads on to thin lengths of wire, and winding them around the cloths to keep them secure. Alternatively, ribbon tied in a shimmering bow can look very elegant. Suddenly, the humble napkin looks almost too pretty to mop up that gravy spillage!

Table confetti is another way to add a glittering touch. Small bags of sequins, little painted stars and other adornments can be bought from craft shops, and are perfect for sprinkling across the table cloth.

Christmas is a time for family. Displaying your favourite photos in gilded frames around the dining room is a special way to remember how important this aspect of the festive period really is. Once the plates have been scraped clean, and the turkey leftovers wrapped in foil for Boxing Day sandwiches, photos will offer great conversation starters. Pour everyone a glass of mulled wine, open the tin of chocolate and spend some time reminiscing those golden moments

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Top tip: squash fizzy drink bottles and cardboard packaging to make extra space in your recycling bin.

Did you know around a third of all the food we buy ends up being thrown away?

Top tip: try to make a shopping list and remember to check your cupboards, fridge and freezer before you go shopping.

For other tips go to: www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

Look out for gifts with packaging that can be reused or recycled.

Top tip: why not use last year's cards to create your own unique gift tags?

A whole range of jars – from cranberry sauce to mincemeat and baby food – can be recycled. Just use your kerbside collection box or visit your Neighbourhood Recycling Centre.

Christmas tree collection points

Collection dates are from Monday 30 December until Friday 24 January

- Icknield recreation ground (by the car park)
- Leagrave Park (by the bowling green)
- Lewsey Park (by the swimming pool)
- Inspire Luton Sports Village
- Stockwood Park (by the Farley Hill car park)
- Wardown Park (by the Old Bedford Road bus stop; and by the New Bedford Road former toilets site)
- Wigmore Valley Park (by the car park)

After the festive period, don't forget to recycle your Christmas tree using the collection points in your local park from Monday 30 December 2013 until Friday 24 January 2014 (see details, left). Alternatively, cut up your tree and take it to one of the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Top tip: use a pot-grown tree which you can replant in the garden and use again next year.

Recycle your Christmas cards by using the kerbside recycling collection, local Neighbourhood Recycling Centres or when you go shopping (some stores provide collection boxes).

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New instalment of The Hobbit might breathe enough fire to be a classic!

FILM PREVIEW

The Hobbit, Anchorman 2 & American Hustle
Coming Soon

THIS week our resident film expert Gavin Miller casts his eye on the latest Hollywood offerings making their way onto a big screen near you.

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG

Release date: December 13
Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Evangeline Lilly, Richard Armitage

Only time will tell if this once two-parter (now extended to a trilogy) has been padded out too much – but it does at least have a big fire-breathing dragon.

The first film was a decent (if slow-moving) start, which didn't reach the heights of any of Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings trio of films.

But there's plenty to build on as hobbit Bilbo (Martin Freeman), wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellan) and thirteen dwarves continue in their epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor.

Throw in the returning Legolas (Orlando Bloom) and this could still be something special.

ANCHORMAN 2: THE LEGEND CONTINUES

Release date: December 18
Starring: Christina Applegate, Will Ferrell, Steve Carell, Nicole Kidman

Legendary San Diego newsman Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) and his Channel 4 team of Brick Tamland (Steve Carell), Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd) and Champ Kind (David Koechner) move into the 80s for this comedy sequel.

After the group disbands and hit rock bottom, they reunite to front a new 24-hour news channel in the Big Apple as the cable era of broadcasting begins.

The original 2004 film has managed to pick up such a cult following that the likes of Harrison Ford, Nicole Kidman, Jim Carrey and Vince Vaughn have joined the ride this time round!

AMERICAN HUSTLE

Release date: December 20
Starring: Christian Bale, Bradley Cooper, Amy Adams

David O Russell re-teams with his Oscar winning and nominated stars of The Silver Linings Playbook Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper. When Christian Bale's conman and partner (Adams) are forced by an FBI agent (Cooper) to work for them – they are pushed into the underworld of the New Jersey Mafia where the stakes could mean life or death.

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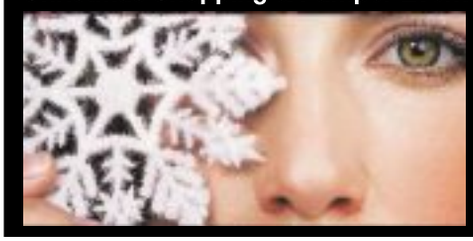

Thursday 28th November 7:00pm
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Bah humbug! It's that time of year

CHRISTMAS

Preparations
Now until the big day

Christmas - you either love it or (curse, growl, splutter) you hate it! If you have had enough of Christmas Carols by mid-November; if you gag at the very sight of a mince pie and if a merry outbreak of ho-ho-ho-ing is enough to drive you to commit Santa-cide, then perhaps these tips can help you get through the festive season without needing to take drastic measures.

Shop smart:
Resist the temptation to spend, spend, spend. Go down the D-I-Y gifts route such as framed photos or homemade jam, or get all the family to agree that you'll only buy presents for children.
What about giving 'time vouchers' instead, such as one hour's babysitting or an afternoon's weed-pulling?
Alternatively:
Buy nothing, tell everyone you want nothing in return and remain incommunicado from December 23-27.

Peace to all men (and women and children):
If the thought of all the family getting together is enough to turn you into The Grinch, work out a coping strategy such as doing safe things, like playing board games or cards, or going for a walk after lunch or dinner.
Alternatively:
Don't invite them round.

Lower your expectations:
Don't expect Christmas to be perfect. It won't be. If things end up better than expected, that's a bonus.
Alternatively:
Be disappointed.

Pamper your partner:
Any problems bubbling under the surface of your relationship will inevitably come to a head at Christmas.
So set aside time for activities to do together as a couple

Alternatively:
Move out and file for divorce on Christmas Eve.

Delegate:
There's no reason why everyone shouldn't help out with jobs that need doing.
And if you're hosting Christmas dinner, ask guests to bring the starter or a dessert, so you only have to tackle the main course.
Alternatively:
Book a table for one at your nearest Indian restaurant.

Run away:
If you really want to escape, don't feel guilty: reassure relatives that you still love them, that you'll see them before you go and when you get back.
If you are separated from family and friends through work or distance, helping out in a shelter for the homeless or delivering meals for the elderly can be very rewarding when the season of goodwill seems so commercial.
Alternatively:
That sounds like a perfectly good suggestion as it is.

Keep your stress levels to a minimum:
Try to be moderate! It may be the season to be jolly, but that is no excuse for you to scoff down much food or gulp down a load of alcohol before heading for the road. Drink-driving is a real danger and is illegal so if you can't (or don't want to) step off the social merry-go-round, at least try to eat and drink in moderation.
Also, don't forget to get enough sleep.
Plan for as many early nights as you can squeeze in.
And keep moving. Maintaining your regular exercise routine can give you the fitness and stamina needed to make it through the sometimes heavy demands of the festive season.

Plan your Christmas dinner with the precision of a military operation:
To avoid the stress that comes with last minute holiday cooking and decorating, you need to stay organised in this first early weeks of December by making a list of everything that you will need:

- Have a look at the contents of your fridge and start making room for holiday ingredients
- You can use what is leftover from dinner to make a casserole and avoid waste
- Plan your holiday dinner menu in advance and after you're done planning, cook ahead as much as possible
- Get the kids involved and start baking holiday desserts, like piecrust, two weeks in advance, and then store in the freezer for the unveiling on the big day
- Meal such as lasagnas can be frozen - the same with casseroles - after cooking to enjoy weeks later. Other things like bread rolls can be bought in advance and also frozen until they are ready to eat.

Get ready to Feelgood on Saturday at the Factory

MUSIC

The Hat Factory
Saturday, December 14, 8pm

ONE of the most popular rhythm and blues acts in the world since 1971 take their string of hits, including Roxette, Milk and Alcohol and Down at the Doctors, to The Hat Factory.
Formed on Canvey Island in Essex in the early 1970s Dr Feelgood remains a popular and exciting live rhythm and blues act.
Their raw and uncompromising style of performance resulted in the album Stupidity that immediately went to the number one position in the UK charts.
Singer Lee Brilleaux's menacing personality complimented Wilko Johnson's propulsive, jerky stage manner, while the guitarist's staccato style dominated the group's idiosyncratic brand of angular rhythm and blues.
The current line up features the rhythm section, Kevin Morris on drums and Phil Mitchell on bass and Steve Walwyn on guitar who has been with the band for 23 years. Vocalist Robert Kane (formerly of the Animals) is the most recent addition – joining in 1999.
Tickets cost £15.50. To book call 01582 878100.

Dirty Dancing leaps from the screen and takes to the stage

THEATRE

Gordon Craig Theatre
Stevenage
February 21

FEATURING all the hits from everyone's favourite dance movie Dirty Dancing, this new stage show promises to be a great night's entertainment.

It has been billed as "the sexiest song and dance sensation of 2014", and it promises music and dance fans a chance to experience the show as it embarks on a brand-new nationwide tour.

Michael Taylor, the show's producer, said: "Celebrated film Dirty Dancing boasted the greatest movie soundtrack of all time.

"All these hits are superbly performed in this fast-moving, slickly-choreographed theatrical treat."

Dirty Dancing's musical score included hits such as She's Like the Wind, Big Girls Don't Cry, Hey Baby, Wipeout, Do You Love Me, Be My Baby, Hungry Eyes and the Oscar-winning (I've Had) The Time of My Life.

And fans are invited to take a trip back to the summer of '63, to relive Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey's performance in one of the classic coming of age romance films.

Michael added: "The whole world loves Dirty Dancing. It's truly iconic entertainment.

"Prepare for a night of dirty dancing with the brand-new sensational, inspirational, aspirational box office smash of the year."

Tickets cost £21 and can be purchased by calling the Gordon Craig Theatre box office on 01438 363200.

The Butler can see it all

FILM: THE BUTLER

The Grove Theatre
January 25-30

RAISED in Macon, Georgia, in the 1920s, Cecil Gaines lived with his mother and father on a cotton plantation.

However, his life takes an unexpected and unfortunate twist when the plant's temperamental owner Thomas rapes his mother Hattie.

Cecil's father, Earl, is angry about the incident and confronts the owner but is shot dead.

Shortly afterwards Cecil is taken in by the plantation's estate caretaker Annabeth and re-assigned to house servant duties.

Whilst working inside the house he learns his trade but decides in his teens to leave the place and strike out on his own.

One day he breaks into a pastry shop inside a hotel but is surprised when the owners hire him.

There Cecil learns from the master servant Maynard who eventually recommends him for a position in a Washington D.C. hotel.

Cecil meets his wife Gloria there and they have two kids before he is hired by the White House in 1957.

He starts working during Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration and it is here that the real drama starts and he finds himself a firsthand witness of some of the defining moments of American history.

Cecil observes Eisenhower's reluctance to use troops to enforce school desegregation in the South, then the President's resolve to uphold the law by ordering a high school in Little Rock to racially integrate.

He is there when John F. Kennedy is assassinated and his predecessor Lyndon B. Johnson enacts the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law.

However, things are not all alright at home. Cecil's wife Gloria is affected by his long hours and becomes an alcoholic and engages in an affair with their neighbour, whilst his son becomes a civil rights activist.

Tickets for this cost £6.50 and can be booked by calling 01582 602080.

Alternatively, you can book your tickets online by visiting www.grovetheatre.co.uk.

Prepare for the New Year at Luton Hoo

MAKE a healthy start to the New Year by going to the Luton Hoo Hotel open day on January 12.

The day, which runs from 11am-5pm, is ideal for anyone who wants to hit the New Year running after over-indulging in turkey and all the trimmings.

Admission to the day is complimentary and refreshments will include fruit smoothies, tea and healthy canapés with champagne will be served.

Facilities at the hotel include an indoor pool, a hydrotherapy pool, heat therapy suite and a high-tech gym.

Treatments in the adjoining spa feature specially blended organic products inspired by the venue's historic garden and have ingredients such as geranium, camomile, rosemary and fennel essential oils.

During the day there will be mini-taster treatments, and discount vouchers off future treatments.

There will also be a free competition to win prizes plus promotions for visitors who sign up for membership on the day, including 15 months for the price of 12 and no joining fee.

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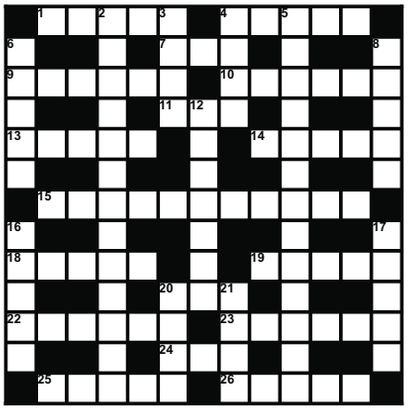

THE THINKER

ACROSS
1 Footballers at economics college? Sounds wrong (5)
4 Get away from a US city (5)
7 Plenty of time to get on (3)
9 First class prize for the dextrous (6)
10 Player's broken leg – rub gently (6)
11 Large quantity of stuff for sale (3)
13 Use alloy for sticking with (5)
14 Boxing roughly (5)
15 Free newspaper? (11)
18 Line forming at the first entrance (5)
19 No money in bank, risk intense embarrassment (5)
20 Medical specialist starts varying exposure times (3)
22 Name of composer heard (6)
23 Nothing at this distance is in colour (6)
24 Fresh approach from three directions (3)
25 Caught taking a break at the top (5)
26 Seen without Edward (5)

DOWN
2 Laissez-fair attitude for Bond (4,3,3,3)
3 Too soon, almost, for the nobleman (4)
4 Social ingenue takes time due to overspending (4)
5 Canine nutrition is poorly prepared (4,9)
6 Claps presentation of trophy (5)
8 Whisk for most of the bubbles (5)
12 The crime of stolen goods handler (7)
16 We're told to take a mouthful of bay (5)
17 Poets performing on the verandah (5)
20 Check around northern outlet (4)
21 The built environment won't change (4)

SU DOKU

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Complete the grid so that all rows, columns and 3x3 boxes contain the numbers 1 to 9. Solution next week.

FIND THE WORDS

E	P	E	T	O	R	E	P	E	P	M	U	B
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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: The car: *Tyre, Wheel, Door, Oil, Fan, Gasket, Bumper, Hubcap, Tread, Lock, Axle, Dash, Tank, Brake, Tax, Bonnet, Petrol, Piston, Engine, Wiper*

QUICKSOLVE?

ACROSS
2.Parody (4)
5.Hinged plate (4)
6.Assist (4)
7.Timetable (4)
8.Places (4)
10.Lash (4)
13.Lorry (3)
14.Buddhist sect (3)
16.Every (4)
19.A skunk (4)
21.Distant (4)
22.Wound (4)
23.Betting system (4)
24.Lane (4)

DOWN
1.Eggy sauce (4)
2.Twig (5)
3.Melt (4)
4.Low wet ground (4)
5.Scoundrel (4)
9.Stylish (4)
11.Suggestion (4)
12.Summit (4)
15.Soil (5)
17.Bridge (4)
18.Instrument (4)
20.It's sworn (4)

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Solutions

ANSWER: MATCH FIVE
PLACE, CLEAN, PACE, DANCE, CAPER

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
DRENCHING, Cher, Chid, Chide, Chider, Chin, Chine, Chined, Chinned, Dich, Dinch, Enrich, Heir, Hend, Herd, Herdic, Herding, Hern, Hind, Hider, Hied, Hind, Hinder, Hing, Hinge, Hinged, Hire, Hired, Inch, Inched, Neigh, Niche, Niched, Nigh, Rhine, Rich, Richen &???

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 9x8-6÷3+5=27

R	BRAIN	I
N		G
	H	
N		D
C	STRAIN	E

How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 26 Maestro: 33+

H	T	A	E	D	E	E
C	S	P	E	N	C	E
R	R	C	L	A	N	S
E	A	F	L	A	A	T
P	E	P	C	E	D	A
A	R	T	I	C	A	I
C	L	U	E	D	E	N

MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

C	E	C	L	O	S	E
A	S	P	A	C	E	D
B	I	L	R	P	R	W
L	L	A	T	S	E	O
E	E	C	N	A	D	R
N	A	E	L	C	I	D
D	E	D	I	A	R	Y

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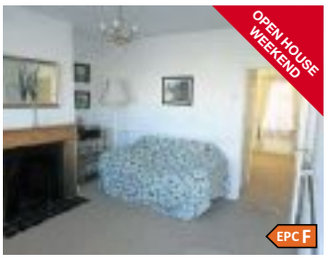
- Detached Family Home
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Extended Living Room

Ninth Avenue £205,000
- Three Bedroom House
- Additional Detached Annexe
- Lounge & Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Bradley Road £185,000
- Semi Detached House
- Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
- Garage & Garden
- Off Road Parking



Marsh Road £170,000
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

This is just a selection of properties in our open house event this weekend. Please call the office for your password and you can view these and other properties at your leisure this weekend.

PLEASE CALL: 01582 597671.

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 11am - 3pm

Highbeech Road £170,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Paved Driveway

Mount Pleasant Road £165,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Rodeheath £160,000
- End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Challney Catchment
- Conservatory

Chaworth Green £160,000
- New Property, Ready to View Call Now
- Three Bedrooms
- Living & Dining Room
- Off Road Parking

Beechwood Road £150,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Rear Garden

Penda Close £139,995
- End Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Kitchen & Living Room
- Chain Free

Aubrey Gardens £110,000
- Flat/Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen

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Cutenhoe Road £639,995
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Two Bedroom Self Contained Annexe
- Two Separate Living Rooms
- Two En-Suites
- Off Road Parking for Seven Cars

St. Michaels Crescent £225,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Alexandra Avenue £215,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

Poplar Avenue £200,000
- Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Hitchin Road £195,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Front Garden

Castle Street £155,000
- Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Rear Garden
- Shop

Milverton Green OIEO £135,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

Ivy Road £135,000
- Terraced
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room

Moulton Court £115,000
- Flat
- Close to Train Station
- 150+ Year Lease
- Two Bedrooms

Albany Court £85,000
- Apartment
- One Double Bedroom
- Allocated Parking
- Chain Free

High Town Road £85,000
- One Bedroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Communal Parking
- No Upper Chain

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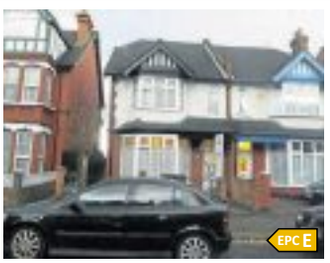
Dovedale £280,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen

Marlborough Road £350,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Detached Garage & Parking

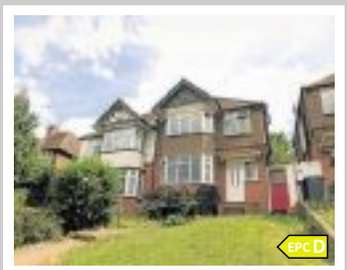
Bradgers Hill Road £400,000
- Five Bedroom House
- Shop Included
- Three Bathrooms
- Rear Garden & Garage

Bishopscote Road £260,000
- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

Tudor Road £230,000
- Detached Property
- Freehold for Shop & Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Shop with A5 Licence



Conway Road £250,000
- Extended
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Popular Location

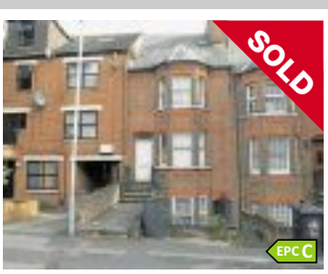


Cutenhoe Road £210,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Garden

St. Lawrence Avenue £230,000
- Similar Properties Required
- End Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

St. Pauls Road £190,000
- Similar Properties Required
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Loft Room, Garden & Parking

Leagrave Road £190,000
- Similar Properties Required
- Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Retail



Napier Road £175,000
- Similar Properties Required
- Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

St. Ethelbert Avenue £175,000
- Similar Properties Required
- Three Bedrooms
- Living & Dining Room
- Garden

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- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Four Bedrooms

Burges Close £190,000
- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage
- Gardens

Frenchs Avenue £110,000
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Bedroom
- Off Road Parking

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London Road £130,000
- Ground Flooor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Garden

Leagrave High Street £155,000
- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Cemetery Road £115,000
- Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- One Reception Room
- Allocated Parking

Bampton Road £270,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
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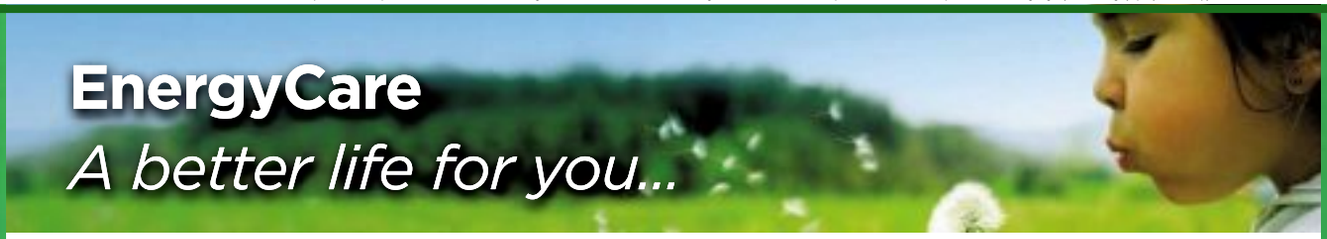

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Learning Support Assistant

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Closing Date: 12 noon, Friday, 13th December 2013
Interviews: W/C 16th December 2013

We are seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join the Academy to support students in raising achievement.

You should be dynamic and enthusiastic and have the ability to establish real rapport with young people.

You will have experience in working with young people (desirably an NVQ 2 qualification in learning support or equivalent) and be committed to making a difference.

We are continuously seeking to broaden our curriculum provision and develop strategies to enable young people to flourish as individuals and as responsible citizens.

If you believe you have the vision and commitment to work in an Academy which seeks to raise attainment and sets the highest standards and expectations, then we look forward to hearing from you.

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For an application pack or further details please visit;

www.south.barnfield.ac.uk/vacancies.aspx

CVs will not be accepted for this post.

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If you require further information please contact Jon Gunn at Redborne Upper School (stjgunn@redborne.beds.sch.uk) or telephone Jon on 01525 842608.

All offers of a place are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring checks have been successfully completed; qualification checks and satisfactory references have been received and the professional skills tests passed. Our partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Early Years Assistant

£14,782 - £16,271 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 100530**
30 hours per week, term-time plus 5 days

We are looking for a highly motivated, skilled and experienced Early Years Assistant to join our EYFS team in our Reception provision. You will have the ability to inspire our children, be organised, have good literacy and numeracy skills and be able to adapt to meet the individual needs of each pupil.

Do you have a passion for Early Years learning?
Do you have experience of working in an Early Years setting?
If you are also qualified to at least NVQ3 (in childcare or education), then we need you!

Teaching Assistant x 2

£9,918 - £10,588 p.a **Vacancy ID: 100531**
28.75 hours per week, Term-time only

Do you have experience of working with children?
Are you looking for a new challenge?
If you think you could make a difference in our school, then we need you!

Post 1 – Due to the promotion of one of our team members, we require a Teaching Assistant to support a Year 1 class. You will have good literacy and numeracy skills and you will be patient and committed to helping children to achieve their best.

Post 2 – Linked to a child with a statement for SEN, this post requires an excellent communicator with experience of working with SEN within a classroom setting.

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Fiona Constant at the school address, tel: 01582 706500 ext 245 or email: fconstant@chantryprimaryacademy.com

Closing date: 13 December 2013 at 9am.
Interview date: 16 December 2013.

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Your job role would be to provide financial support in relation to the Financial Management of all aspects of the Nursery School and Children's Centre budgets including the two year old provision known as Little Harts.

Excellent communication and organisational skills are essential

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs or contact the school on tel: 01582 731701 or email: hart.hill.nursery.head@uton.gov.uk

Closing date: 18 December 2013.
Shortlisting: 19 December 2013.
Interview date: 9 January 2014 during the morning.

NORTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Norton Road, Luton, Beds LU3 2NX

Teaching Assistant (1)

£9,487 - £10,359 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 100552**

27.50 hours per week, term-time only

fixed-term until 31.08.2014

Level 3 qualified Teaching Assistant required for 27.50 hours per week, fixed-term contract to run initially until 31 August 2014. You will work within our SEN/EAL support department; line managed by our forward thinking Inclusion Manager, and be involved in one to one and small group support. A child centred disposition is essential.

Midday Supervisor

£2,824 -£3,000 p.a **Vacancy ID: 100553**

10 hours per week, term-time only

A reliable person of good character with abundant common sense is required to join our lunchtime supervisory team. A child centred disposition is essential.

For further details please contact Linda Peters, Business Manager or Ann McDermott at the school address, telephone: 01582 571169 or email: Norton.Road.Primary.Bursar@luton.gov.uk. Please send a Large SAE to the school address for an application form.

Closing date: 16 December 2013 12noon.
Interview date: 19 & 20 December 2013.

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Langford Drive, Luton, Beds LU2 9AJ

Foundation Stage Class Teacher – Maternity Cover

MPS / UPS **Vacancy ID: 100527**

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Interview date: 20 December 2013.

WHIPPERLEY INFANT ACADEMY

Whipperley Ring, Luton LU1 5QY

Statemented Teaching Assistant TA (1)

£8,624 - £9,418 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 100554**

25 hours per week, term-time only

This post is fixed-term due to funding

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Closing date: 15 December 2013.

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Closing Date: Monday 6th January 2014 Interviews: Wednesday 15th January 2014.

Application Forms along with a letter of application should be sent to Sue Green, Personnel Administrator at Samuel Whitbread Academy, Shefford Road, Clifton, Beds, SG17 5QS or by e-mail to sgreen@bemat.org.uk or visit our website www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/vacancies

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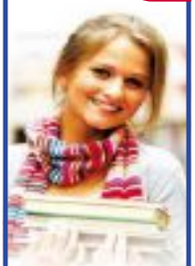

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Principal: **Mr Daniel Connor**

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Closing Date: Monday 6th January 2014. Interviews: Thursday 16th January 2014.

Application Forms along with a letter of application should be sent to Sue Green, Personnel Administrator at Samuel Whitbread Academy, Shefford Road, Clifton, Beds, SG17 5QS or by e-mail to sgreen@bemat.org.uk or visit our website www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/vacancies

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THE PROPOSED CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (WOODSIDE LINK HOUGHTON REGIS) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

NOTICE OF ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING, COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING AND OPEN FLOOR HEARING

Section 91 Planning Act 2008 and

Rule 13(6) Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application Reference: TR010011

Notice is hereby given that an issue specific hearing, compulsory acquisition hearing and open floor hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State), for the examination of the application by Central Bedfordshire Council for a Development Consent Order for the proposed Woodside Link. The application was made under sections 14(1)(h), 22 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 14 May 2013 and accepted for examination by the Secretary of State on 11 June 2013.

The application is for a new road linking the Woodside Industrial Estate in Houghton Regis to the planned Junction 11A of the M1. The project involves the construction of approximately 2.90 kilometres of new road, comprising approximately 2.55 kilometres of single carriageway road and approximately 0.35 kilometres of dual carriageway. The purpose of the new link road is to reduce traffic in Houghton Regis and Dunstable, especially heavy good vehicles accessing Woodside Industrial Estate.

An **Issue Specific Hearing** will be held at the following date, time and location:

Date	Time	Location
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This compulsory acquisition hearing has been requested by National Grid Electricity Transmission.

An **Open Floor Hearing** will be held at the following date, time and location:

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At an open floor hearing, each interested party may (subject to the Examining Authority's control over the conduct of the hearing) make oral representations about the application which should be based on the written representation submitted to the Examining Authority.

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For all of the hearings interested parties include any person that has made a relevant representation to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with section 102(4) of the Planning Act 2008, as well as the applicant and various persons and bodies prescribed by statute.

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In accordance with Rule 13(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties and affected persons of any variation of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

Copies of the application documents, including the Development Consent Order, can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate website:

http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/woodside-link-houghton-regis-bedfordshire/?ipcsection=overview

Copies of the application documents can also be inspected free of charge at the following public locations – copies may be made but there will be a charge for this:

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.21) ORDER 2013

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT NO.8) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 2nd December 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Orders will come into operation on 6th January 2014.

The reason for the Orders is to introduce the necessary alterations to traffic management as part of the ongoing development and construction associated with The Luton Town Centre Transport Scheme. The Orders revoke and introduce prohibitions and restrictions on an existing length of road.

The effect of the Orders will be as follows:

1. To revoke the waiting restriction specified in Schedule 1 below.
2. To introduce the traffic management restriction specified in Schedule 2 below.

Copies of the Orders, plan and reasons for making the Orders may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that they are not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

8th December 2013

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
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Site: Ash Villa, 52 Napier Road
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Application No: 13/01536/ADV **Conservation Area**

The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at www.eplan.luton.gov.uk and enter the application number into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317. Any representations should be made to the Development Control Manager within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number above. This can be done in writing or on-line through public access (full details can be found on the website).

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS, 2011 (as amended)

Site: Former Vauxhall Motors Site, Kimpton Road, Luton, Beds.

Description: Outline application for a mixed use development - Residential, Retail, Office, storage and distribution, hotel and casino uses, new landscaping, park and public realm, car parking, means of access, new access to Kimpton Road and other associated works. (With EIA).

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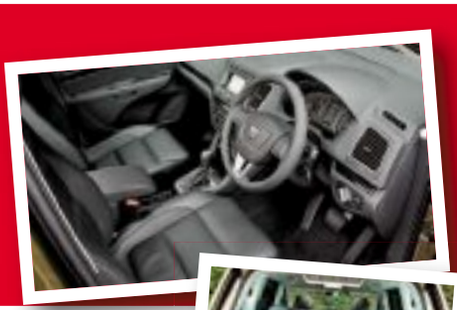

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Buyers can order their Alhambra in five, six or seven seat guise but there's plenty of versatility in all model thanks to the Easy-Fold seating system. The boot capacity isn't huge with seven people inside but there's up to 1167 litres with five occupants and up to 2,297 litres when you travel two-up.

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So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, home and mobile phone numbers and email address . If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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COOL FINISH: Paul Benson chips home on a fine afternoon for the Hatters

Hatters explode into

HATTERS

SKRILL PREMIER
ALFRETON TOWN 0
LUTON TOWN 5

BY TOM SHARP
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MIDWAY through the second half, the travelling Hatters broke into a chorus of "Cambridge United, we're coming for you." On the evidence of this Alfreton annihilation they should be quaking in their table-topping boots.

The home side were not as poor as the scoreline would suggest. The sheer class of Town's all-round display was the underlying factor for this victory and most of the damage was done within the opening 20 minutes when the visitors remarkably scored four times.

Andre Gray's delightful double in the lightning start was backed up by a delicate Paul Benson lift over the keeper and Luke Guttridge's neat left-foot finish from an acute angle.

Alfreton stemmed the flow of goals but could not offer a similar showing of ruthlessness as their limited chances went astray.

Alex Lawless' calm fifth in the 72nd minute added the gloss for John Still's men but by then word of the Hatters' terrific win would have spread around their league rivals.

Now just a point behind Cambridge, things are hotting up at the Skrill Premier summit with Christmas approaching.

With youth taking centre stage in the past week as Luton made hard work of Staines in the FA Trophy, the mainstays were back for another important league clash.

Only loanee Pelly Ruddock featured in either match against the Skrill South side but his confident performances prompted Still to retain the athletic West Ham man.

Ruddock's inclusion in central midfield was one of only two alterations from the side that dismantled a sorry Southport in their previous league encounter ten days ago as another loanee, Alfie Mawson made his debut at centre-back.

A minute's silence to commemorate the life of Nelson Mandela pre-empted the action on the field and from the calm came a whirlwind start from the Hatters as they pressed the Reds.

Barely five minutes had elapsed when Gray had scissor-kicked over the bar and Benson had headed inches over to the agony of the packed away end.

Unbeaten in seven games on the road and with just one defeat in 13 league contests, Luton exuded confidence and in the tenth minute they grabbed an opener of real class and poise.

Gutrridge's slide-rule Steven Gerrard-esque pass from inside Luton's half found the galloping Gray who first time placed the ball beyond

Ellis scores four as Luton pack dominate

RUGBY UNION

BY TIM BARTLETT
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LUTON RUFC travelled to table-topping Westcliff yesterday sitting fifth in London One North, 12 points off top spot, and they won convincingly 43-27.

"It's been a good day for Luton Rugby Club," said backs coach Nick Rhodes.

"Our forwards were outstanding, we really showed our teeth."

Two Steve Ellis tries were converted by Rik Hobbs, who added three points from a drop goal, giving the travelling Lutonians a 15-12 lead at the interval.

After the break, early pressure from the home side turned the scores around and Luton trailed 24-15, but the Luton pack were then unstoppable, giving Tom Wilmore, their scrum half, plenty of time to pick out quality service.

The Luton back line thrived as Jack Elston scored, before Ellis completed his hat-trick, and with it secured Luton's bonus point try, midway through the second half.

Jake Hobbs added Luton's fifth try of the afternoon with ten minutes to play, and Ellis got his fourth in the last five, Rik Hobbs kicking all bar one of the conversions, contributing thirteen points in total.

"We're buzzing," said Ellis. "The forwards were outstanding, they won clean, quick ball, relieving pressure of the scrum half, we were brutal and efficient."

DUNSTABLIANS lost 21-18 to an Olney side four places below them in Midlands 3, and have now played three games without win.

Trailing 21-3 at the interval the Dees put fifteen unanswered points on their hosts, but it was not enough to secure any more than a losimg bonus point.

Gavin Denning and Scott Oliver scored tries as the Dees failed to turn the scores around.

STOCKWOOD PARK lost for the second week in a row, 39-0 at Vipers in Midlands 3 East South.

"It was a tough day at the office," said chairman Jason Carr. "We put in the effort, it's disappointing, we were always on the back foot."

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BLOWN AWAY: Luke Guttridge sneaks in ahead of Alfreton keeper Ross Atkins.

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life and blow Alfreton away

keeper Ross Atkins. Their first goal at the Impact Arena in three visits.

Luton looked as good as they have done all season as they gunned down the shell-shocked hosts and within four minutes Still's sublime side had snatched a further two goals.

No sooner had Gray opened the scoring that Benson had skipped on to another Guttridge pass to chip Atkins in the 13th minute.

Astonishingly, Gray added another killer touch to a sweeping Luton move at the far post a minute later.

Before this match sixth-placed Alfreton boasted a relatively solid home record of just one defeat all season but as most would testify in the Skrill Premier, Luton have nothing to fear.

With Alfreton's belief in tatters, Town waited a merciful four minutes before striking again.

This time provider turned scorer as Guttridge rounded the unfortunate Atkins to stroke home number four. Town's 649-strong away following resembled a group of restless jack-in-the-boxes as they leapt up to salute Luton's quality again.

It was all too much for Alfreton left-winger Alastair Taylor as he made way for Darran Kempson after just 20 minutes. The other ten might well have been hoping their number was up to avoid a further pounding from the terrorising play of the visitors.

The punch-drunk home side did gather themselves enough to quell the scoring avalanche with damage limitation firmly set in their minds.

Reds' manager Nicky Law had been sweating on the fitness of top scorer John Akinde before the game but neither he or the side's attacking six could carve out a reply to the away ambush.

Mark Tyler's only save came from a weak Paul Meadows effort in the 23rd minute but he also saw substitute Kempson's header fly over late in the first half.

The Hatters may have blitzed Alfreton in the opening 45 minutes with attacking brilliance but Still felt the need to make a central-defensive switch at the break as Joe Davis replaced Mawson.

The Derbyshire side partially capitalised on Luton's defensive changes as they dominated early in the second half but could not find a goal to disguise the scoreline.

Akinde headed over from twelve yards while Bradley Wood's rasping 20-yard free kick was blocked en-route to the Hatters goal.

Having wasted their rare opportunities, Town put them to the sword for the final time. Lawless slid the ball under Atkins, completing the rout and leaving the home fans to trudge to the exits

The only disappointment following this encounter is Luton are not in league action again for another fortnight due to the FA Trophy.

Nevertheless, Town can sit back and admire the league table. Over to you, Cambridge.

Alfreton – Atkins; Wood, Westwood (capt), Wylde, Franklin; Meadows, Shaw (Wishart, 72), McGrath, Taylor (Kempson, 20); Clayton (S Akinde, 59), J Akinde. Subs not used –Hooper.

Luton – Tyler; Henry (capt), McNulty, Mawson (Davis, 45), Griffiths; Lawless, Ruddock, Smith, Guttridge; Benson, Gray. Subs not used – Howells, Justham, Whalley, Robinson.

Attendance - 1279 (649)

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Dunstable Town and Barton Rovers maintain good form

LOCAL FOOTBALL

BY MATT DESAI
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DUNSTABLE TOWN ensured they stayed at the summit of the Southern League Division One Central as they ran out 2-1 winners at home to Chertsey Town yesterday.

The Curfews, who have only one win to their name this season, made life difficult for their high-flying opponents in the opening stages, and took a shock lead just past the half-hour mark when captain Daniel Alderton hammered in via the upright.

Moments later, Chris Marsh thought he'd pulled his side level, only to be denied by an offside flag.

The Blues weren't behind for long though, and within ten minutes they had a deserved equaliser when defender Danny Ryan met Danny Hutchins' corner-kick to head home from close range.

The visitors' task became even less enviable after the hour mark when winger Anson Cousins was shown a straight red card for violent conduct on Nathan Frater.

The league's second-bottom side dug in though, getting men behind the ball, and when Lee Roache twice went close without netting they must have thought they'd be heading back to Surrey with a point.

That wasn't to be the case though, and with eight minutes remaining Adam Watkins' through ball found forward Frater who slotted home to ensure a hard-fought victory.

BARTON ROVERS turned in a professional performance to see off bottom of the league Ashford Town (Middx) 2-0 at Sharpenhoe Road.

Rovers dominated first-half proceedings and should have taken the lead on twenty minutes when they struck the post, before Steve Thomas headed just over moments later.

The deadlock was finally broken on thirty-seven minutes, with Thomas atoning for his earlier miss, and it was nearly doubled before the interval, but Keshi Anderson's header was directed inches wide.

Joe Reynolds' free-kick almost gave Dan Kennoy's side daylight just after half-time, but the win was eventually sealed when forward Jermaine Hall struck on sixty-four minutes.

All three points sees Rovers remain in third place in the table, four points off top spot.

Elsewhere, AFC DUNSTABLE played out a 1-1 draw against Hillingdon Borough at the Middlesex Stadium.

A point means The ODs stay in fifth position in the Spartan Premier, ending a run of three straight defeats.

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Five-star Hatters leave their manager purring

HIGH FIVES: The Hatters ran riot at Alfreton yesterday. See inside for a full report.

HATTERS

BY TOM SHARP
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JOHN Still admitted he had "never seen anything like it" after his side's early ambush set up an eventual 5-0 Skrill Premier away mauling of Alfreton Town at the Impact Arena yesterday afternoon.

The Hatters were lightning quick out of the blocks as they raced into a four-goal lead inside 18 minutes courtesy of pass-and-move football defying their Conference status with Andre Gray, Paul Benson and Luke Guttridge all on target.

Ten of Town's starting eleven were fresh from a ten-day break due to FA Trophy commitments and it was evident as Still's energetic visitors overpowered a disappointing Alfreton outfit, much to the Luton boss' satisfaction.

"We performed tremendously all over the pitch," said Still. "Some of our movement was outstanding and our finishing was first-class.

"I could not have asked for more.

"The way we came out and bossed it from the first whistle was superb.

"I have to say, I have not seen anything like that before.

"Maybe against me but never for a team I have been in charge of. What a performance."

Without the cutthroat nature of the frontline's finishing the result may not have been so clear-cut but Gray and Benson both showed why they are transforming into one of the league's most dangerous partnerships.

Gray's eleventh and twelfth of the season in this massacre makes him the league's joint-second highest goal-scorer, two adrift of Macclesfield Town's Connor Jennings while Benson notched his seventh of a purposeful campaign for the Swindon Town loanee.

"Paul has come in and been a massive help to Andre and the pair work perfectly well together," added Still.

"It is good to have a decent front man but it is also about having a decent pair and combinations and I think we have forged one of the best in the division."

Luton now leap to within a point of league leaders Cambridge United although the U's hold two games in hand over Town.

Still, however, is mindful of talking up his side's chances at present.

"As I have said before we can only go out and play," he said.

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